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SUBJECT: US CITIZEN POSING AS FRIEND OF CONGRESSMAN MILLS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM CONGRESSMAN WILBUR MILLS' OFFICE THAT A MR. WARREN BASS IS PRESENTLY IN QUITO TRYING TO PASS HIMSELF OFF AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF CONGRESSMAN MILLS, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS DEALS. MILLS' OFFICE STATES THAT BASS IS A CONSTITUENT AND AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE CONGRESSMAN, AND MILLS WILL CABLE THE AMBASSADOR TO CONFIRM THAT. BASS, HOWEVER, IS NOT REPEAT NOT A CLOSE FRIEND, AND MILLS HAS NO INTEREST OR INVOLVEMENT IN BASS' DEALINGS.

2. FYI: BASS HAS BEEN GOING AROUND LATIN AMERICA RECENTLY TRYING TO BE A MIDDLEMAN FOR ARMS DEALS BETWEEN LA COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. IN BELIZE HE TRIED TO BE A MIDDLEMAN FOR TEAR GAS AND VARIOUS WEAPONS, GOT DRUNK, AND WAS JAILED FOR BEATING UP LOCAL CITIZENS. THUS IF
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THE GOE QUERIES THE EMBASSY ABOUT BASS, THE GOE SHOULD

BE TOLD WHAT WE KNOW TO DATE, AND SHOULD BE TOLD TO
BE VERY WARY OF ANY DEALINGS WITH BASS. HABIB

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